

Wednesday, November 14, 2001

Senior Center Ribbon Cutting, Dedication and Grand Opening

It's been a long wait but on Friday Nov. 30 the Duxbury Council on Aging will officially cut the ribbon on its new Senior Center on Mayflower Street.

The ribbon cutting, dedication and flag raising ceremony will be held at 11 am with keynote speaker state Director of Elder Affairs Emmett Schmarsow.

The Master of Ceremonies will be Henry Milliken, chairman of the Council on Aging Board who will introduce dignitaries and other honored guests before the flag is raised by Winnie D'Amelio.

D'Amelio is an active community senior who donated the flag pole to the new center and requested the flag from Congressman William Delahunt's office. Baritone Steve McCarthy will sing the National Anthem. The ribbon will then be cut by Executive Director Kristin Andrews and several seniors.

Father Joseph Mozer, former COA Board Secretary, will begin the indoor program with the Invocation followed by the keynote speaker and several other selected people who have been instrumental in bringing this project to fruition.

Benediction will be offered by Reverend Robert Walsh from the First Parish Church, a new member of the Council Board. Soprano Debbie Jewell will conclude with "God Bless America" and welcome everyone to the "Open House" immediately following the formal program.

Senior Club President Sue Bergeron and Club member Agnes Ferraro have organized the food for the open House. Club members will supply goodies along with a cake donated by the Welch family of

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the Village at Duxbury and Bay Path. Evanswood of Kingston will offer a fruit bowl and vegetable platter. Floral arrangements will be donated by Courtney Jordan and Akiko Kent.

The open house will take place from noon to three during which time Paul

McWilliams will entertain on the piano.

The public is invited to come tour the building, meet the people involved in the center and learn about the many activities and services offered to seniors.

The town voted the appropriation for funding of the building. Architect was John Catlin Associates of Boston.

Project Manager was Bill Campbell who donated his time and talent. Contractor Neil Murphy from Coastal Restoration brought the design to reality. Furnishings and draperies are a gift from the Friends of the Council on Aging and were selected by the design firm Horton and Horton of Duxbury.